BOOTH

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(Continued.) sometimes," said Mrs. Scho-"She's Penrod's teacher." "Is she?" said Mrs. Farry. "Do

you"— She paused. "Do people think her a little-queer these days?" "Why, no?" returned her sister.

"What makes you say that?"
"She has acquired a very odd manner," said Mrs. Farry decidedly. "At least, she seemed odd to me. I met ber at the corner just before I got to the house a few minutes ago, and aft. we'd said howdy do to each other she kept hold of my hand and looked as though she was going to cry. She sed to be trying to say something

"But I don't think that's so very queer, Clara. She knew you in school didn't she?"

"And she hadn't seen you for so many years I think it's perfectly nat-

"Wait! She stood there squeezing my hand and struggling to get her voice, and I got really embarrassed, and then finally she said in a kind of tearful whisper: 'Be of good cheer. This trial will pass.' "

"How queer!" exclaimed Margaret.
Penrod sighed and returned some what absently to his soup.

Well, I don't know," said Mrs. Scho-field thoughtfully. "Of course she's heard about the outbrenk of measies in Dayton, since they had to close the and she knows you live

"But doesn't it seem a very exaggerated way," suggested Margaret, "to tall; about measles?"
"Watt!" hegged Aunt Clars. "After she said that she said something even

she said that she said something even-queezer and then put her hanfkerchief to her eyes and burried away."

Penrod haid down his spoon again and moved his chair slightly back from the table. A spirit of prophecy was upon him. He knew that some one

was going to ask a question which he felt might better remain unspeken. What was the other thing she said?" Mr. Schoneld inquired, thus im-

"She said," returned Mrs. Farry slowly, looking about the table; "she said, I know that Penrod is a great, great comfort to you.' "

There was a general exclamation of surprise. It was a singular thing, and in no manner may it be considered complimentary (4 Penrod that this speech of Miss Spence's should have oubts about her in the minds of all no longer present. No more was Duke, bis family.

Mr. Schofield shook his head pityo ingly-"I'm afraid she's a goner," he went so far as to say. "Of all the weird ideas?" cried Mar-

"I never heard anything like it in my Her. Mrs. Schofield exclaimed. "Was that all she said?"

"Every word!" Penrod again resumed attention to his soup. His mother looked at him. curiously, and then, struck by a sud-



"Wait! She stood there equeezing my band and struggling to get her voice. den thought, gathered the giances of the adults of the table by a significant movement of the head, and, by another, conveyed an admonition to drop the subject until later. Miss Spence was Penrod's teacher. It was better, for any reasons, not to discuss the subect of her queerness before him. This as Mrs. Schooled's thought at the

Later she had another, and it e next afternoon Mr. Schoffeld, re-

turning at 5 o'clock from the cares of the day, found the house deserted and sat down to read his evening paper in what appeared to be an uninhabited apartment known to its own world as the "drawing room." A sneeze, unexpected both to him and the owner, informed him of the presence of another

"Where are you, Penrod?" the parent asked, looking about.

"Here," said Penrod meekly, Stooping, Mr. Schofield discovered his son squatting under the plane, hear an open window-his wistful Duke lying beside him.

What are you doing there?"

"Why under the piano?" "Well," the boy returned with grave aweetness, "I was just kind of sitting here thinking."

"All right." Mr. Schofield, rather touched, returned to the digestion of a murder, his back once more to the plane, and Penrod sliently drew from beneath his jacket (where he had slipped it simultaneously with the sneeze) a paper backed volume entitled, "Simsy, the Sloux City Squealer; or, 'Not Guilty, Your Honor,"

In this manner the reading club continued in peace, absorbed, contented, the world well forgot-unfil a sudden, violently irritated slam bang of the front door startled the members, and Mrs. Schofield burst into the room and threw herself into a chair moaning. "What's the matter, mamma?" ask-

ed her husband, laying aside his paper. "Henry Passice Schofield," returned the lady, "I don't know what is to be done with that boy; I do not!" "You mean Penrod?"

"Who else could I mean?" She sat up, exasperated, to stare at him. "Hency Passice Schofield, you've got to take this matter in your hands. It's

Well, what has he'-"Last night I got to thinking," she began rapidly, "about what Clara told us-thank beaven she and Margaret and little Clara have gone to tea at Cousin Charlette's-but they'll be home soon-about what she said about Aliss

"You mean about Penrod's being a comfort?" "Yes, and I kept thinking and thinking and thinking about it till I couldn't

stand it any"-"By George!" shouted Mr. Schofield, startlingly, stooping to look under the plane. A statement that he had suddenly remembered his son's presence would be lacking in accuracy, for the immediately confirmed Mrs. Farry's highly sensitized Penrod was, in fact,

> his faithful dog. 'What's the matter?" "Nothing," he returned, striding to the open window and looking out.

"Oh!" she mouned. "It must be kept from Clara. And I'll never hold up my head again if John Farry ever hears

"Hears of what?" "Well, I just couldn't stand it, I got so curious. And I thought, of course, if Miss Spence had become a little unbalanced it was my duty to know. it as Penrod's mother and she his teacher. So I thought I would just call on her at her apartment after school and have a chat and see. And

I did. and-oh"-

"Well?" "I've just come from there, and she told me she told me! Oh, I've never known anything like this!"

"What did she tell you?" Mrs. Schofield, making a great effort, managed to assume a temporary appearance of calm. "Henry," she said solemnly, "bear this in mind, Whatever you do to Penrod it must be done in some pince when Clara won't hear it. But the first thing to do is to

Within view of the window from which Mr. Schoffeld was gazing was the closed door of the storeroom in the stable, and post outside this door Duke was performing a most engaging trick. His young master had thught Duke to "sh up and beg" when he wanted anything and if that didn't get it to "speak." Duke was facing the closed door and sitting up and begging, and now he also spoke in a loud, clear

There was an open transom over the door, and from this descended-hurled by an passen agency-a can half filled

It caught the small besieger of the door on his thoroughly surprised right ear, encouraged him to some remarksble acrobaties and turned large por-tions of him a dull blue. Allowingonly a moment to perplexity and deciding after a single and evidently unappetizing experiment not to cleanse himself of paint, the loyal animal resumed

his quaint, upright posture. Mr. Schoffeld seated himself on the window sith, whence he could keep in view that pathetic picture of unrequit-

"Go on with your story, mamma," be said. "I think I can flud Penrod when we want him."
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